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Cairo Faux Pas

How CIA Aide Upset Diplomacy in Egypt

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This is the story of the Amer-Irroade has become American
ican who tipped off Egyptian Ambassador in South Africa
President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Allen has become Ameri-
that Assistant Secretary of can Ambassador in Greece.
State George Allen was bring- On Sept. 27, 1955, a year
ing him a protest note from aro this Thursday, Nasser
Secretary John Foster Dulles announced Egypt would buy

It also is the story of Ambas- arms from Communist Czechoslovakia in exchange for cot-
sador to Egypt Henry A. By- roade—and of the part played ton. (Ten months later Nasser
by an American newspaper ac- admitted he bought the arms
count of the message Allen car- "from Russia," adding: "I say
ried to Nasser protesting from Russia and not from
Egypt's arms deal with the Czechoslovakia.") That same
day Dulles had talked in New
Communists.

It is a very different tale York about the arms deal, about
from the one told by Nasser the which he already knew, with
day he announced nationaliza- Soviet Foreign Minister V. M.
tion of the Universal Suez Can- Molotov, but had received no
sl Company, the move which satisfaction.
produced the Suez crisis. On Sept. 28, Dulles dis-

The American involved — a patched Allen on two hours' Central Intelligence Agency notice to Egypt, giving him of
employe—is no longer in Egypt, letter pointing out to Nasser
the dangers of becoming in-